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**ABSTRACT**  
**TREATMENT OF SKIN CONDITIONS**

The present invention provides piperine and analogues or derivatives thereof for  
5 the treatment of skin conditions treatable by stimulation of melanocyte proliferation, such  
as vitiligo, and also for treating skin cancer. The piperine and analogues or derivatives  
thereof may also be used to cosmetically promote or enhance the natural coloration of the  
skin.